ARTICLES
TO BE ENQVIRED OF VVITHIN THE Dioceſſe of *Bangor*,

IN THE FIRST TRIENNIALL *VISITATION*,

Of the Right Reverend Father in God, VVILLIAM Lord Biſhop of *Bangor*.

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CHwychwi a dyngwch, ar i chwi, gan roddi heibio holl ffafor, Caſineb, gobaith gwobr ac elw, neu ofn anfodloneb, yn ol yſtyrio o honoch yn ddyfal y pwngciau neu'r articles y rhai a roddwyd i chwi tan ſiars, preſentio holl a phob cyfryw ddyn o fewn eich plwy ar a gomittiodd neb vn gamwedd yn y rhain, neu ueb vn or rhain bwngciau, neu y ſawl yr yd ys yn eu tybield yn ddirfawr, neu yn eu cablu megis rhai euog or cyfryw gamwedd: yn yr hyn chwi a ddyſierſiwch eich cydwybodau yn ol y gwirionedd, heb preſentio neb o falais yngwrthwyneb ir gwirionedd, ac heb arbed neb trwy ddrwgſerch, ac felly celu y gwirionedd, gan yn y weithred hon oſod duw oflaen eich golwg gyda difrif zel i faintimmio gwirionedd, ac i gyſtuddio pechod, fel y buddo i dduw eich helpu, ac yſtyr y llyſr hwn.

Daw a gatwo'r Brenin.

The forme of the oath to be miniſtred to the Chureh-wardens and Side-men.

YOu ſhall ſweare, that all affection, favour, hatred, hope, or reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure or malice ſet aſide, you ſhall upon due conſideration of the Articles given you in charge, preſent all and every ſuch perſon, of, or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence mentioned in theſe or any of theſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected, and defamed of any ſuch offence: wherein you ſhall diſcharge your conſciences, uprightly, and according to truth, neither of malice preſenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceale the truth, having in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine the truth and ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God and the contents of this booke.

Articles to bee enquired of within the Dioceſſe of *Bangor*, in the Viſitation to be holden in the yeare of our Lord, 1640.

IN*primis*, doth your Miniſter uſe to pray for the Kings Majeſtie, King *Charles*, and for the Queenes Majeſtie, Prince *Charles*, and all the royall Progeny, with addition of all ſuch Stile, and Titles as are due to his Highneſſe; and exhort the people to obedience, to his Majeſtie and all Magiſtrates in authority under Him: And doeth hee alſo pray for all Arch-Biſhops, Biſhops, and other Eccleſiaſticall perſons.

2. Whether is the Preſcript forme of Divine Service, uſed by your Miniſter upon Sundayes, Holy-dayes, and other dayes appointed by the Booke of Common Prayer at fit and uſuall houres? And whether doth your Miniſter duely obſerve all the orders, rites, and ceremonies preſcribed in the ſaid Booke of Common Prayer, without omiſſion or addition, as well in reading Publique Prayers and the Letany, as alſo in adminiſtring the Sacraments in ſuch manner and forme, as by the law now eſtabliſhed is enjoyned.

3. Whether doth your Miniſter adminiſter the holy Communion ſo often, and at ſuch times, as that every pariſhioner may receive the ſame once every moneth, or at leaſt thrice every yeere, whereof once at Eaſter, and adminiſtreth the ſame to none, but to ſuch as kneele at the receiving thereof, and whether doth hee cauſe ſufficient warning thereof, to be given before?

4. Whether hath your Miniſter rejected any from the Communion, who were not by publique preſentment, or other open ſcandall, infamous and detected of ſome notorious crime, by common fame, or vehement ſuſpition knowne in the Pariſh?

5. Whether hath your Miniſter received people of other pariſhes to his Church, to the common & divine ſervice? And whether his pariſhioners have gone to other Churches and places, to heare ſervice, or receive

the Sacrament, and whether hee and the Church-wardens have presented such as have not received the Lords Supper the last Easter?

6. Whether is your minister continually resident with you upon his benefice? Or for how long time hath hee beene absent? And where is he resident for the most part, and what other benefice hath he? And doth hee in his absence make allowance for the Poore, and what?

7. Whether doth your Minister being a preacher, preach usually in his owne cure with you once every Sunday, or how hath hee beene negligent in that behalfe?

8. Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed? If yea, then by whom? If no, whether doth hee procure Sermons to be preached among you once in every moneth at the least, by such as are lawfully licensed, or doth contribute towards a licensed preacher, and what?

9. Whether hath your Minister any other benefice? And whether doth he supply his absence by a curate that is sufficiently licensed, to preach in that Cure whereon hee himselfe is not resident? Or otherwise in case he doth not find a Preaching Minister there, by reason of the smallnesse thereof: Whether doth he preach at both his Benefices usually himselfe?

10. Whether is your Curate licensed to serve by the Bishop of this Diocesse? And whether doth your Minister or Curate serve any more Cures then one? If yea, then what other Cure doth hee also serve, and what wages doth hee receive?

11. If your Minister bee not licensed to Preach as aforesaid; doth hee reade Homilies, or rather take upon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure, or else-where contrary to the 48. Canon.

12. Whether doth your Minister weare the Surples whilest hee is saying the publique Prayers, and administring the Sacraments?

13. Whether doth your Minister every Sunday and Holi-day, before Euening Prayer for halfe an houre or more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of your Parishin the tenne Commandements, the Articles of the Beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer? declare the truth.

14. Whether hath your Minister without license from the Bishop of the Diocesse or his Chancellor, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the banes being not three severall Sundayes or Holy-dayes first published in time of Divine Service in the severall Churches or Chappells of their seuerall abode, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, or without license in time prohibited, albeit the banes were so published? Or at any time, except betwixt the houres of eight and twelve in the forenoone.

15. Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes, use the perambulation of the Circuit of the parish appointed by Law, and in the same

ſame perambulation moove the people to give thankes to God for his benefits, uſing ſuch Pſalmes, Prayers, and Homilies as are to that end ſet forth?

16. Whether doth any man (being neither Miniſter nor Deacon) read common Prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or uſe any other miniſteriall duty in the Church that belongeth to a Miniſter or Deacon? And what is his name that ſo doth, or hath ſo done?

17. Whether doth your Miniſter every ſix moneths denounce in his pariſh all ſuch of his pariſh as doe perſever in the ſentence of excommunication? And whether hath he admitted any perſon excommunicate into the Church without a Certificate of his abſolution from the Ordinarie? And hath he ſtayed or forborne to denounce any excommunication or ſuſpenſion that hath beene ſent unto him?

18. Whether doth your Miniſter being a preacher, endeavour and labour diligently with mildneſſe and temperance to conferre with, and thereby to reclaime the popiſh Recuſants in his pariſh from their errours? And whether they or any of them doe refuſe ſuch conference with your Miniſter, and whether is your Parſon, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate too much frequent, or over-much converſant with, or a favourer of Recuſants, whereby hee may bee ſuſpected, not to bee ſincere in his Religion?

19. Whether when any perſon or perſons hath beene dangerouſly ſicke in your pariſh, your Miniſter (having knowledge thereof) hath not reſorted to every of them, to inſtruct and comfort them in their diſtreſſe, according to the manner and forme appointed in the Booke of Common Prayer? And whether when any pariſhoner hath beene paſſing out of this life, your Miniſter hath ſlacked to doe his laſt duty in that behalfe?

20. Whether your Miniſter uſeth buying and ſelling, or trading, or to hedge, ditch, or to goe to plough, or hath ſolicited other mens ſuits for gaine, or imployed himſelfe about other ſuch buſineſſe, not beſeeming or fitting his calling?

21. Whether is your Miniſter reputed to bee an incontinent perſon, or to keepe in his houſe, or frequent the company of any man or woman that are ſuſpected either to be of evill religion, or bad life?

22. Or whether is he a common haunter of Tavernes, Alehouſes, or any ſuſpected place? declare the truth upon your oath.

23. Or whether doth he boord or lodge in any of them, or is a common Gameſter or player at Dice, Cards, Tables, or other unlawfull Games; a common ſwearer, a drunkard or one that applieth not himſelfe in his ſtudy, or faulty in any other crime puniſhable by Eccleſiaſticall cenſures, wherby he is offenſive and ſcandalous to his function & miniſterie?

24. Doth your Miniſter weare uſually ſuch decent apparrell, and habit as be fit for his place according to the 74. Canon?

25. Whether his Maieſties inſtructions lately ſent to your pariſh concerning lectures, celebration of Divine Service, Catechiſing, and Sermons bee duely obſerved: If not, you ſhall preſent by whom, and when any of the ſaid inſtructions have beene tranſgreſſed?

26. Whether the Prayers bee read upon the fifth day of November, and upon the day of his Majeſties inauguration, as are appointed?

Concerning the Church.

1. WHether you have in your ſeverall Churches and Chappels, the Booke of Conſtitutions, or Canons Eccleſiaſticall, and whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment Regiſter booke provided for Chriſtnings, Marriages, and Burialls? And whether is the ſame duly and exactly kept according to the conſtiturions in that behalfe provided? And is the mothers chriſten name therein regiſtred as well as the fathers: And a tranſcript thereof brought in yeerely witl i n one moneth after the twenty fifth of march, into the Lord Biſhops principall Regiſterie?

2. Whether have you provided the Booke of Common Prayer in *Welſh* and *Engliſh*, lately commanded by his Majeſties authoritie, only to be uſed, and the Booke of Homilies, and two Service Bookes, and a large Bible of the laſt Edition in *Welſh* and *Engliſh*?

3. Whether have you in your Church or Chappell a font of ſtone, ſet up in the ancient uſuall place, a convenient and decent Communion Table ſtanding upon a frame, with a Carpet of ſilke, or ſome other decent ſtuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time? And whether is the ſame placed in convenient ſort within the Chancell, unleſſe the Dioceſan doth otherwiſe determine? And is the ſame Table ſo uſed out of Divine ſervice or in it, as it is not agreeable to the holy uſe of it, by ſitting, throwing hats on it, writing on it, or is it abaſed to other prophane uſes?

4 Whether are the ten Commandements ſet upon the Eaſt end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may beſt ſee and read them, and other ſentences of holy Scripture written upon the walles, likewiſe for the ſame purpoſe?

5. Whether have you any convenient ſeate for your Miniſter to reade Service in, together with a comely Pulpit ſet up in a convenient place, with a decent cloth or cuſhion for the ſame, a comely large Surples, a faire Communion Cup of ſilver, and a cover agreeable for the ſame, with all other

ther things and ornaments neceſſary for the celebration of Divine Service, and the Adminiſtration of the Sacraments, and a ſtrong Cheſt for the almes of the poore, with three lockes and keies, whereof the Miniſter to keepe one key, and another Cheſt for the keeping of the Ornaments of the Church and the Regiſter-booke?

6. Whether are your Church or Chappells, with the Chancels thereof, and your Parſonage or Vicarage houſe and all other houſes thereto belonging in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, as well within as without, and the *Seats* well maintained, as in the Canons is appointed? If not, then through whoſe default, and what defects are?

7. Whether your church-yard be well and ſufficiently repaired, fenced, and maintained with walls, railes, or pales, and by whom?

8. Whether any perſon hath incroached upon the ground of the Church-yard?

9. Whether have you in your Church any ancient or true note or terrier of all the glebe lands, meadowes, gardens, orchards, houſes, ſtocks, implements, tenements, and portions of tithes, lying within or without your pariſh, which belongs to your Parſonage or Vicarage? if there bee any, whether is it well kept and preſerved for the good of the ſucceeding incumbents, and in what particular place is it kept? and whether a true copy thereof, under the hands of the Miniſter and Church-wardens, hath beene tranſmitted into the Lords principall Regiſtrie? and when? if you have none, you ſhall make one, and bring it in within your preſentment, ſubſcribed as aforeſaid.

Concerning Schoole-maſters.

WHether the *Schoole*-maſter, or Schoole-maſters within your pariſh, openly or privately in any Gentlemans houſe, or in any other place, be of good & ſincere Religion, life, and converſation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing up of youth, and whether they have bin examined, allowed, and licenſed for Schoole-maſters by the Biſhop of *Bangor*, or his Chancellor, and how many ſeverall Schoole-maſters have you, and whether they keepe Schoole in Churches, and what bee their names?

Concerning Pariſh-Clerkes.

1. WHether have you a fit Pariſh Clerke, aged twenty yeeres at leaſt, of honeſt converſation, and ſufficient for reading and writing? and whether he bee paid his wages without fraud, according to the

the moſt ancient cuſtome of your Pariſh? if not, then by whom is hee ſo defrauded and denied?

2 Is the Church cleane kept, the doores lockt at fit times? Is any thing loſt or ſpoyled in the Church, and are the Communion Tables, Font, Bookes, and Ornaments of the Church kept faire and cleane? doe they bring any wicker bottels or alehouſe flaggons to the Communion Table?

Touching Churchwardens, and Side-men, and other Officers.

WHether the Church-wardens and Side-men doe every Sunday and Holy-day, diligently ſearch who abſenteth himſelfe, or her ſelfe from Church, and whether they do ſuffer any to abide in the Church Porch or Church-yard, in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon? And you ſhall preſent ſuch as have beene, or ſhall be found to be abſent.

2. Whether the Church-wardens and Side-men or any of them, have for money, reward, favour or affection, forborne to preſent any that were or be negligent in comming to Church, or whom they have found as idle perſons abroad, either in the Church-yard or ſtreets, in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon on Sundayes or Holy-dayes, or any that did not receive the Communion yeerely at the Feaſt of Eaſter, or within ſome convenient time after?

3. Whether the Church-wardens at the end of the yeere give up in writing, a juſt account before the Miniſter and Pariſhioners, of their receipts and diſburſments, and deliver the reſidue by bill indented to the next Churchwardens, or the Miniſter, or the Pariſhioners, or any of them, to your knowledge, or as you have heard, have with-held or detained in their cuſtody, or have ſold, waſted, ſpent, or otherwiſe alienated any Lead, Bells, or Bell-mettall, or other of the Church goods, or ſtocke of money? And let them ſpecifie their names, and the value and quantity of ſuch things as were ſo ſold, made away or deteyned, and how long ſince?

Concerning Pariſhioners, and other of the Laity.

1. WHether there be any that doe not reverently behave themſelves during the time of Divine Service, devoutly kneeling, when the generall confeſſion of ſinnes, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all Prayers and Collects are read, and uſing all due and lowly reverence when the bleſſed name of the Lord Ieſus Chriſt is mentioned, and ſtanding up when the Articles of the beliefe are read, or which doe cover their heads in the Church, during the time of Divine Service, unleſſe it be in caſe of neceſſity, in which caſe they may uſe a night-cap?

2. Whether

2. Whether any perſon have played at Tennis, daunced, played at foot-ball, lurked, or tipled in Tavernes or Ale-houſes on Sundayes, or other Holy-dayes before Evening Prayers, or uſed his or their manuall craft or myſtery, or any bodily labour, or kept the ſhops open upon the ſaid dayes, or any of them, eſpecially in the time of Divine Service, or ſuffered his or their ſervants to ſell any wares or victualls in that time, or to offend in any of the premiſſes?

3. Whether any perſon in your Pariſh brawled for ſeates or burying places, quarrelled or uſed any violence unto, or with your Miniſter, or any other perſon in the Church or Church-yard, or uſed himſelfe diſorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodeſt behaviour.

4. Whether doe all fathers, mothers, maſters, and miſtreſſes cauſe their children, ſervants, and prentices to come to the Catechiſme upon the Sundayes and Holy-dayes before Evening prayer, to heare, and be inſtructed and taught therein, and thoſe that doe not their duties herein, you ſhall preſent their names?

5. How many inhabitants within your Pariſh, men or women above the age of ſixteene yeeres, doe refuſe to frequent Divine Service eſtabliſhed by publique authority in this Realme, or to receive the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? Or comming to Church doe depart before the end of Divine Service or Sermon, what be their names, and of what degree, ſtate, or trade of life are they? You are to preſent them all of each ſort.

6. Whether there be any Popiſh Recuſants married, the child of any Recuſant chriſtened, or any Recuſant buried within your Pariſh, by any other then the Miniſter of your Pariſh, where, when, and by whom, and what certificate have you received thereof? or whether the child of any Recuſant remaine unbaptized above one moneth, or be not baptized in the Pariſh Church?

7. Whether have any in your Pariſh beene married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by Law, and expreſſed in a certaine table, publiſhed by authority in Anno 1563. If yea, then you ſhall preſent their names? And whether have you the ſaid table publiquely ſet up in your Church, and faſtened to ſome convenient place?

8. Whether have you in your Pariſh to your knowledge, or by common fame and report, any which have committed adultery, fornication, or inceſt, or any bawdes, harbourers, or receivers of ſuch perſons, or vehemently ſuſpected thereof? which have not beene publiquely puniſhed to your knowledge? If yea, then ſpecifie the names of them all

9. Whether Women to be Churched come and kneele at a ſide neere the Communion Table without the rayle being vayled; or otherwiſe not to be Churched but preſented.

10. Whether have you in your pariſh; any perſons which are by common fame and report, or vehement ſuſpition, reputed and taken to be common drunkards, blaſphemers of Gods holy Name, common and uſuall ſwearers, filthy ſpeakers, railers, ſowers of diſcord among their neighbours, or ſpeakers againſt Miniſters marriages, Vſurers, contrary to the Statute made in the 37. yeere of King *Henry* the eight, or Simoniacall perſons? you ſhall not faile to preſent their names, as you ſhall anſwer before God.

11. Whether have any in your pariſh received or harboured, any woman gotten with child out of wedlocke, and ſuffered any ſuch againe to depart without Penance firſt inflicted upon them by their Ordinarie? you ſhall truely preſent as well the Party harbouring, as harboured, and all that helped to convey them to her away, and who is ſuſpected to have committed adultery or fornication with her.

12. Whether any perſon or perſons ſuſpected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departing out of your Pariſh, is now returned again or in what place elſe is he or ſhe now abiding, as you know or have heard, and whether he or ſhe have done any penance, and what penance, or elſe eſcaped without penance? and by what and whoſe meanes? you ſhall preſent the whole truth in that behalfe.

13. Whether there be in your Pariſh, any Wills not yet prooved, or goods of the dead dying inteſtate, left unadminiſtred by the authority of the Ordinary in that behalfe? and whether any poſſeſſe the goods of any party deceaſed, without authority from the ordinary? you ſhall not faile to preſent the Executors, and all others faulty and culpable therein.

14. What perſon or perſons doe you know that have died in your Pariſh, ſince the Lord Biſhops laſt Viſitation, that had goods or debts in other parts of the Dioceſſe of *Bangor*, out of the juriſdiction in which the party dyed, or that died in any other Archdeaconrie or juriſdiction of this Dioceſſe, and had goods in your Pariſh? and whether the Executor to ſuch perſon or any other, medled with ſuch deceaſeds goods by authority of the Commiſſary or Archdeacons Officiall, and not by the authority of the Lord Biſhop of *Bangor*, or his Chancellor?

15. Is there any legacy given to the Church, or to other good and godly uſes, as relieſe of the poore Orphans, poore Schollers, poore maidens, marriages, Schollers, high-wayes, and ſuch like, which is not yet performed? If there be any ſuch, you ſhall preſent what you know, or can learne thereof, and by whoſe default the ſame is not performed.

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16. Whether bee any Inne-keepers, Ale-Wives, Victuallers, or Tipplers, that ſuffer or doe admit any perſon or perſons, in their houſes to eat, drinke, or play at dice, cards, tables, bowles, or ſuch like games in the time of Common Prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies? Or whether you have any Butchers, or others that commonly uſe to ſell meat, or other things in the time of Common Prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies?

17. Whether any markets, or ſelling of wares be uſed or ſuffered in any Church-Yards on the Sabbath day by common pack-men, and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers, or others?

18. Whether doe you know, or have heard of any Patron or Advowſioner in your Pariſh that hath made a gaine by any colour, deceit, or Simoniacall pact in beſtowing his benefice for gaine: For, or receiving mony or promiſe of the leaſe of the whole part, or by reſerving of his own tithes, or any penſion to himſelfe or any other?

19. What Almes-houſes, Hoſpitals, or Spittles for poore people have you in your Pariſh, that are not of the foundation, or Patronage of the King? And who was the founder or Patron thereof? And whether the ſaid Almes-houſes, Hoſpitals, or Spittles in your Pariſh being under our Rule and governance, be well and godly uſed, according to the foundations and ancient ordinances of the ſame? And whether there be any other placed in them then poore, impotent, and needy perſons, that have not wherewith, or whereby to live?

20. Whether do you know of any other matter of Eccleſiaſticall Cognizance worthy the preſentment in your judgment, heretofore in the Articles not expreſſed, and which is fit to be reformed in Eccleſiaſticall cenſure? If ye do, you ſhal likewiſe preſent the ſame by vertue of your oathes.

The Miniſter in every Pariſh may joyne in preſentment with the Church-Wardens and Side-men, and if they will not preſent, then the Miniſters themſelves, that ſhould have the chiefe care to ſuppreſſe ſin and impiety in their Pariſhes, may and ought to preſent the Crimes aforeſaid, and ſuch things as ſhall be thought fit to be reformed.

FINIS.